

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On Page 9, after the last paragraph, please insert the following paragraphs:

--Fig. 10C is a perspective view of an alternative embodiment of a bar code reading device of the present invention operably coupled to a base unit by way of an communication link;--

--Fig. 11 is a perspective view of an alternative embodiment of the bar code realized on an Internet-based portable data terminal (PDT) operably coupled to the WWW via a wireless 2-way RF data communication link;--